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Government troops have recaptured one of two mountains just to the south of Hue from which the Communists directed artillery fire on the Phu Bai Airfield and other important targets along coastal Route 1. Rather than directly assault the second objective, the South Vietnamese plan to encircle the mountain to cut off communist resupply lines. Communist artillery pieces in the area have been observed moving to the south, away from the Hue area. Sporadic fighting continues in the northern delta provinces where South Vietnamese troops are attempting to interrupt the infiltration of the communist 5th Division from Cambodia. In addition to the spate of communist attacks, several district towns have been isolated and further fighting is in store.

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